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1. SUMMARY. JULY 9 LOCAL PRESS CARRIED AN UNUSUALLY FULL ACCOUNT OF THE PREMIER'S REMARKS AT THE PREVIOUS WEEK'S CABINET MEETING (JULY 1) WHICH SUGGESTS THAT THE PREMIER HAS NOT YET COMPLETED HIS LECTURES TO THE CABINET ON CORRUPTION AND IN-EFFECTIVE PERSONNEL PRACTICES. MEANWHILE, THE JULY 8 CABINET MEETING APPROVED THE APPOINTMENTS OF TWO NEW VICE MINISTERS OF INTERIOR. THROUGH THESE AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS, TWO VACANCIES WERE CREATED IN THE HIGHER RANKS OF THE KMT SECRETARIAT, THEREBY GIVING THE PARTY THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING YOUNGER MEN, INCLUDING TAIWANESE, INTO THE HIERARCHY, SHOULD IT WISH TO DO SO.

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2. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE PREMIER AT THE JULY 1 CABINET MEETING SAID THAT THE CHI TA LOAN SCANDAL IS NOT ONLY A DISGRACE TO MONETARY CIRCLES BUT ALSO AN EXAMPLE TO THE CABINET OF WHAT SHOULD NOT HAPPEN IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES. "THE PEOPLE AND OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN THE CASE WILL DEFINITELY BE PUNISHED ACCORDING TO THE LAW," THE PREMIER REPORTEDLY EMPHASIZED. NOTING THAT THE LOAN SCANDAL SHOWED THAT THE BANKING COMMUNITY HAS BEEN TURNING A DEAF EAR TO EXECUTIVE YUAN INSTRUCTIONS THAT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SHOULD FULFILL THEIR ROLE IN SUPPORTING THE NATION'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HE ALSO SAID THAT HE HAS ORDERED A THOROUGH REVIEW OF BANKING OPERATIONS IN AN ATTEMPT TO WIPE OUT IRREGULARITIES AND DEFICIENCIES.

3. IN HIS SPEECH THE PREMIER ALSO REPORTEDLY CALLED ON CABINET MEMBERS TO OVERCOME ANY DIFFICULTIES WHICH MAY BLOCK THE PROGRESS OF THE TEN MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, STRESSED THE NEED FOR REFORMING THE PRESENT PERSONNEL SYSTEM, ENCOURAGED EXECUTIVE YUAN OFFICIALS TO DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO THEIR WORK, AND CALLED FOR EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS, ESPECIALLY IN AREAS OF DISCIPLINE AND GOOD TEACHING. COMMENTING ON THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM, THE PREMIER REPORTEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIAL OFFICIALS MUST BE FAIR AND JUST IN ORDER TO PROTECT SOCIAL JUSTICE.

4. THE JULY 8 CABINET MEETING APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO NEW VICE MINISTERS OF INTERIOR TO REPLACE INCUMBENT POLITICAL VICE MINISTER KAO YING-TU (WHO RETIRED) AND ADMINISTRATIVE VICE MINISTER LEI FEI-LUNG (WHO RESIGNED). LIU CHAO-TIEN (0491/0340/3944), A 56-YEAR-OLD MAINLANDER WHO IS PRESENTLY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE KMT CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT, WAS APPOINTED TO THE POLITICAL SLOT; AND 42-YEAR-OLD TAIWANESE MAGISTRATE OF TAINAN KAO YU-JEN (7559/0857/7160) TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SLOT. THE CABINET ALSO APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF KMT CENTRAL COMMITTEE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL HSUEH JEN-YANG AS AMBASSADOR TO NICARAGUA.

5. COMMENT. AS NOTED IN REFTTEL, KAO YU-JEN'S APPOINTMENT DEMONSTRATES THE PREMIER'S WILLINGNESS TO SEEK YOUNGER AND ABLE MEN FOR VICE MINISTERIAL POSITIONS. THE APPOINTMENTS OF LIU AND HSUEH IN THEMSELVES DO NOT APPEAR PARTICULARLY NOTE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WORTHY. WHAT IS NOTEWORTHY IS THAT THEIR APPOINTMENTS HAVE CREATED TWO VACANCIES IN THE SENIOR HIERARCHY OF THE KMT SECRETARIAT, GIVING THE PARTY AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING YOUNGER MEN, INCLUDING TAIWANESE, INTO THE HIERARCHY, IF IT WISHES TO DO SO. WE WILL BE WATCHING WITH INTEREST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING NEW APPOINTMENTS IN THE PARTY HIERARCHY AND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE, IF ANY, WITH RESPECT TO THE KMT NATIONAL PARTY CONGRESS SCHEDULED FOR LATER THIS YEAR.

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